Queen Anne Cobblestone

The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA

March, 2001

Next Month-Northeast QA Boulevard Walking Tour, Apr. 21

On **Saturday, April 21, at 10:00 am** the Society will conduct the next of our popular walking tours. It will cover the area of the northeast Queen Anne Boulevard, roughly the Boston, McGraw, Bigelow, Nob Hill area. It will include old John Hay, the McGraw St bridge and homes in the neighborhood. **The tour starts at the SE corner of old John Hay school (Bigelow Ave N. & Newton St) at 10:00 am.**

Society president, Kim Turner, will lead this tour, as he has several others. He reports on his preparation in the following notes:

"Your editor and I did a preliminary walk along the projected route of the April 21 tour. We talked with various tenants and landowners and learned some valuable historic data which we will include in the tour. We also met some very nice people who reside there. By taking a couple of sidesteps we found the top of the Queen Anne P-Patch, which will be a major stop along the way, where coffee *may* be available. There are some delightful anecdotes to share, so be sure to join us".

Other planned walking tours are: **June 16**, our annual tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, including new sites; and **October 13**, an Uptown Stroll of the lower Queen Anne business district.

A New Step: Queen Anne and Ballard Historical Societies to Meet

A unique joint meeting of the **Queen Anne Historical Society** and the **Ballard Historical Society** will be held at our March public meeting on the 21st. This will provide a fascinating opportunity to meet some new people in the heritage community and to learn about issues facing different historical organizations and how we might support each other.

The center piece of the evening will be a discussion, led by **Charles Payton**, Community Museum Advisor for King County Landmarks and Heritage Program, of the **Sesquicentennial Celebrations of Seattle and King County in 2001 and 2002.** There is a $100,000 fund for this 150th anniversary, and such celebrations often see the launching of new initiatives. For instance, the Centennial in 1951-52 saw the opening of MOHAI, a spate of history books and the funding of heritage projects by King County.

Join your neighbors from QA & Ballard at our next public meeting

Wed., March 21st, 7:30 pm
Mclure Middle School Lunch Room
First West and West Crockett

The 150th anniversary of the founding of Seattle and King County by the parties headed by van Asselt, Foster and Denny also meant the displacement of the Native Americans already here. The Oregon Land Donation Act and the Indian Treaties will be discussed. As with the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976, we hope our 150th anniversary will stimulate renewed interest locally in our heritage.

Plans for the sesquicentennial include a major History Fair at Seattle Center, a history resource book by AKCHO, and the funding of many local projects.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School Lunch Room. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.

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Membership Notice

We thank our members for their vital support. To those of you who have 2001 on your address label, your dues will be coming due in May. Avoid the "rush" and send next year's dues in now. It will make our life much easier. You can use the coupon on p. 3.

For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine

Calendar of

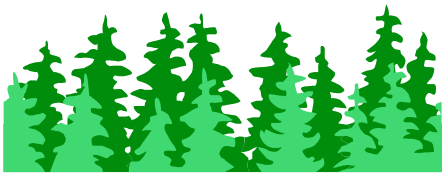
Wed. Mar. 21, 2001.
Program: Joint with Ballard Historical Society. Charles Payton on the Seattle Sesquicentennial. McClure Middle School Lunchroom, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story, page 1)

Sat. April 21, 2001.
Walking Tour: Northeast QA Boulevard. Meet at Bigelow Ave. N & Newton St. Time 10:00 am. Free. (See story, page 1)

Wed. May 16, 2001.
Program: Paul Dorpat will give one of his popular talks on photos of local scenes he has unearthed. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Sat. June 16, 2001.
Walking Tour: Our annual tour of historic Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Meet at entrance, 7th Ave. W & W Raye St. Time 10:00 am. Free.

Wed, Sept. 19, 2001
Program: Cathy Fulton on "Remembering Home". McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.



It Happened... in February-March

by Bob Frazier

2/7/1886—Anti-Chinese riots.

2/15/1852—Arthur Denny stakes claim in east Elliott Bay.

2/19/1890—Marriage of George Cotterill to Cora Rowena Gormley.

2/26/1932—Death of Clarence B. Bagley.

3/2/1853—Washington Territory created.

2/2/1910—Wellington avalanche. Train disaster in Stevens Pass, recorded in grave sites at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

3/6/1817—Birth of William Nathaniel Bell, of Belltown.

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A Note from Nadine

Dear Members,

How many of you would be interested in seeing the Washington State Historical Museum in Tacoma?

If your are interested, please give me a telephone call at 206-284-8369. If we get a good idea as to how many may be interested, we could organize a tour of this wonderful museum on some Saturday, or on a weekday if that would work better.

Also please let me know if you would be interested in visiting other museums.

Give me a call. I hope to hear from you.

Nadine Belcher, Membership

Watch for QA News Historical Column

Keep your eye on the Queen Anne and Magnolia News. Beginning this month, and appearing every three months, will be a special column of historical material, prepared by members of the Society.

Maggie Larrick, Editor of the News, brings with her from her last position in Highline a desire to inform the community on its past. She is looking for a series on people and places that will help newcomers and old timers alike to appreciate what we have on Queen Anne,

A similar series of columns will be provided by the new Magnolia Historical Society.

Harry Whitney Treat will be the subject of the first story. It is being prepared by Del Loder.

John Hennes will write about the origin of Queen Anne's name for the second column.

Do you have suggestions for stories, or do you want to contribute a story? Call Del Loder at 282-8771.

Society News

Crown of Lights Contest

The December Crown of Lights holiday lighting contest is long past. Lack of space kept the results out of last issue's news columns, so we now give you the (not-so-latest) news.

The winners of the On-the Boulevard prize, sponsored by Canlis Restaurant, were Alan Ross and Peggy Keene, who live at 361 Wheeler Street.

Winners of the Off-the-Boulevard prize were Melinda Denham and Tia Osborne, who live at 359 Howe Street.

Our thanks to Canlis Restaurant for providing the grand prize of a dinner certificate. Thanks also to the Green Gables, on Galer St., for hosting the judges meeting. The Society also thanks the judges who donated their time for the Dec.21st outing: Bill Tobin, QA Alumni Association; Isabel Egglin, QA Chamber of Commerce; Joyce Rice, QA Helpline; Mike Warren, QA Commuity Council; and Maggie Larrick, QA News. The judges van driver was, again, Del Loder.

Jackie Brooks Wins Prizes

Queen Anne watercolorist, Jackie Brooks had her work in numerous shows last year, winning awards in Houston, Oklahoma and Arizona, as well as Seattle. Jackie is dear to our Society for the gorgeous cover painting she did for our QA history book.

Web Page Woes

The Society's web page, at *www.historylink.org/qahs*, is in need of regular maintenance. None of the board members have the time or experience to do this job.

Can you help, or do you know someone who can?

Our web site gets a lot of hits from all over the globe. We can tell this because of the varied email inquiries that come in. We are looking for a volunteer who can work with us to update the pages regularly and help us prepare more interesting material for it.

If you can help, please call Isabel Egglin at 286-3605.

McClure Oral History

A novel oral history project with McClure Middle School students was recently completed. Working through the SPICE program, several Society members became the subjects of oral interviews by students.

The students are learning to conduct interviews with older people so that they can do this at home as part of a longer term school project to explore their ethnic heritage.

This reversal of our usual roles (we usually are the interviewers) proved to be very educational for both students and adults.

McClure Middle School students reenact a civil rights march down Queen Anne Avenue on January 12, 2001, in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Photo by John Hennes

Memories of Coe

Frantz H. Coe Elementary School, which had stood on Seventh Ave. W since 1907, burned to the ground on Sunday, January 21, 2001.

On the morning of Thursday, February 1, one of your trustees suggested, "Let's have a function for the friends and families of Coe School so that they can talk." Other trustees agreed, and away we went on a rush basis to hold this even as close to a one month anniversary of the tragic January 21 fire as we could get it. Subsequently, a handful of your trustees spent over 23 hours in ten different meetings to plan every detail of this "rush" project. In addition, they spent extra time making all the arrangements.

Thus, on the afternoon of Saturday, February 17, we held the "Memories of Coe", a gathering at the Queen Anne Community Center of people who wanted to share their experiences and memories of Coe School. Thirty-seven people, including seventeen volunteers, enjoyed the displays, refreshments and reminiscing about their connections to Coe School.

The main Coe School building, shown here, opened in 1907. This picture was taken October 31, 2000 and shows the new south wing under construction. Photo by John Hennes.

This post-fire photo, taken January 27, 2001, shows how little was left of the mostly frame Coe School. The damaged new wing is still standing. Photo by John Hennes

To help with recording of histories we hired Toby Harris, director of the Vanishing Generations oral history project in Ballard. To provide current and future information about the school, the Coe PTA had a display brought in by Susan Dittig, former president of that organization.

During the two hours of the event the Society scanned, photographed, tape recorded, video taped and accepted written memoirs and artifacts. There were donations of photographs, ribbons, newsletters and other materials. This has greatly added to what the public will be able to find out about Frantz H. Coe School in the future.

The Society's gratitude goes to several people and institutions. We thank Toby Harris and Susan Dittig, the Coe PTA, Eleanor Toews at the Seattle School Archives, Dr. Lorraine McConaghy at the Museum of History and Industry, Charles Payton, museum advisor for King County and Sherry Boswell, professional historian.

We also thank the Queen Anne Community Center and their SPICE program for the use of its space and several local store managers for letting us post flyers.

We especially thank the several non-board volunteers for their assistance with this successful project. These include Marion Parker, Madeline Beery, Margaret Lahde, Val Reel, Jackie Cedarholm, Betty Bebee, Barbara Nelson, Rachel Connover, Monica Wooton, Alan Neman and Hal Will.

Should we do it again? If you have an opinion, please share it with any of your trustees.

Bob Frazier, Archivist
Queen Anne Historical Society

One Man's Memory of Coe

Our family moved to Seattle in the summer of 1923 from California and I attended Coe School from that fall to June of 1925, when I went on to Queen Anne High School (graduating in 1929).

The Coe principal at that time was Miss Tharp. She lived in the Waldorf Hotel down town. She and another teacher used to play bridge with my parents.

My teacher in both the seventh and eighth grades was Miss Neikirk. I think she did not like me. How could that be? I was very likable. As luck would have it, she was moved from seventh grade teacher to eighth grade, beginning with the fall semester in 1924; so I had her for both years.

Miss Neikirk found my handwriting to be deplorable and called in my parents to suggest I be kept over for a semester in the seventh grade. Instead, we had a handwriting expert from the Seattle Public School System take me on as a project. I must have made 100,000 Spenserian loops after school in the next few months, until even Miss Neikirk judged me to be an adequate penman.

I remember that I was a member of a boys' chorus which was rehearsing on a small stage in the boys' end of the basement for a parents' meeting which was coming up. A boy standing next to me got the music teacher's attention and complained that I was so far off tune that he too was having trouble hitting the right notes. The teacher had me give a brief solo performance and, on the spot, said it would be best if I just kept silent at the performance and only pretended to be singing, moving my lips in time to the music.

T*he above extract is from a memoir of Coe school submitted by George Sundborg, age 87, during the Memories of Coe program. You, too, can write such memoirs of your school days that will be priceless descriptions for your family and for a local historical*

Notes from The Archives

Since early January, the following work has been done in the archives.

We have updated the inventories of our tapes, the Queen Anne High School Kuay and Grizzly yearbooks, the Emery Gustafson donations and our collections of files regarding Cemeteries, Churches and Tours.

In addition we have logged in donations of many photographs, tapes, videos and the donations from the "Memories of Coe" project.

The archivist has attended eight community meetings of interest or benefit to the Society. He has given a talk about the Society and Queen Anne history to the Ballard Kiwanis, and has also spent time with the
McClure Middle School oral history project.

Donations to the archives have come from many individuals, including Isabel Egglin, Dr. Kay Reinartz, Bob Frazier, Ruth Matthews, Jackie Cedarholm, Del Loder, Jennifer Kunjara and DeAnn Tallant. Our thanks to all of these for their gifts to posterity.

HELP WANTED: Would you like to contribute to our community's heritage preservation, and meet some nice people while you do it. Volunteer some of your spare time to the Historical Society. Search for historical records about Queen Anne; listen to and catalog some oral history tapes; help our archivist learn how to use the Mac computer; become one of our tour guide team; write stories for the Cobblestone or the QA News.

To volunteer, contact one of the officers on page 2, or give me a call at 285-0958.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

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The President's Corner
by Kim Turner

A truism, but nonetheless very real, is the fact that you will judge the size of all future earthquakes by the first big one you go through. For many of us, that will be the April 13, 1949 earthquake, which left a big mess in its wake and a lot of broken glass and brickwork from the Denny Regrade south to Olympia. Some of you may remember the earthquake of Nov.13, 1939, as the "big one." Or the July 7, 1936 quake which was the first 6 point quake of the last century in Washington State.

From 1939 through 1946 there was at least one 5 point quake every year. 1947 was the only "quake-free" year of the 1940s. Although the 1950s had a number of quakes, none was over 5.0. April 29, 1965, brought the next big quake, a 6.5 temblor which was centered out in the Sound about 12 kilometers SSW of Seattle. After that quake, the intensity tapered off, although the actual number of quakes felt grew, as did the seismic studies of this area. May 16, 1976, was the next sizable quake, a 5.1 centered near Friday Harbor. The next spate of quakes grew in number and intensity in the vicinity of Mt. St.. Helens in early 1980, culminating in the May 18th eruption and landslip of the Moun- tain itself. Christmas Eve 1989, April 14, 1990, Jan. 29, 1995, May 3, 1996, June 23/24, 1997; all these made themselves felt in the Seattle area.

When the earth trembles, a doorway is one of the better places to be if you cannot get under a table. Stay away from tv sets, windows, mirrors, and heavy furniture that is not "built-in. If you are outside, try to avoid areas near power lines, which may break, and water reservoirs or lakes, etc. If your home is not bolted to its foundation, this is a good time to get it done - before the next quake. Because we live in a seismically active area, it is a good idea to keep an emergency kit accessible in your kitchen; if possible, more than one should be pepared, as you may not have access to the room in which your main emergency supply is kept.

I hadn't intended to give a lecture on quake survival, but last Wednesday was a good reminder that we should not take the Earth for granite, as we may end up served on a tectonic plate.

See you at the March 21st meeting at McClure, where we will share the program with Ballard folks.

Kim R. Turner, President

Interested in becoming more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society? Join the Board of Trustees! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.